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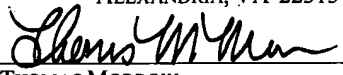
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AND METHODS FOR §
USING THESE DARTS IN §
SUBTERRANEAN WELLS §

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following documents to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office:


- Amendment and Response to Office Action, mailed May 19, 2005; and
- Return receipt postcard.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of these materials.

Applicants have added certain new claims in this Amendment and Response, and have enclosed check no. 937656 for \$600.00, as payment. Should the Commissioner deem that

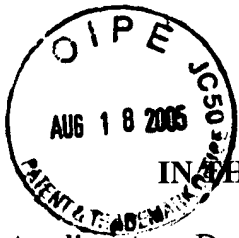
any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Baker Botts L.L.P.'s Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 063718.0165, for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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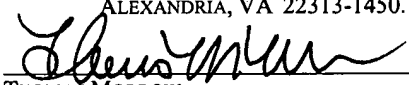
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MAY 19, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 19, 2005 (the "Office Action"),
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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